Central Assistance to KBK districts of Orissa

1089. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central assistance sought by Government of Orissa to bear the cost of drought relief in that State particularly KBK (undivided Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi) districts and the amount sanctioned therefor;

(b) the reasons for the failure of ADAPT scheme which was introduced earlier in these KBK districts;

(c) the measures proposed to be adopted to rescue the people of KBK districts from the clutches of drought; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Rs. 36.76 crores was released to Government of Orissa as the Central share of Calamity Relief Fund During 1996-97. The State Government had submitted a memorandum seeking assistance of Rs. 570.70 crores from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) for relief measures in the drought affected areas including the KBK districts. After considering the report of a Central team which visited the affected areas, the National Calamity Relief Committee decided to release Rs. SO.00 crores from the NFCR as additional assistance for drought relief measures. After the Prime Minister's visit to the affect areas an additional amount of Rs. 4.00 crores was also released from the NFCR for nutrition programmes in the affected areas.

(b) The ADAPT was formulated and implemented from August, 1988 in 15 blocks of Kalahandi and Koraput districts for ensuring employment round the year to the rural poor, and for increasing the agricultural production. The Programme was discontinued after December, 1989.

(c) and (d) A Long Term Action Plan (LTAP) has been launched from August, 1995 in the KBK districts for implementation over a period of 7 years from 1995-96 to 2001-2002 with an outlay of Rs. 4557.03 crores. The LTAP has been launched with the twin objectives of drought and distress proofing and development saturation.

Relief to the Victims of Kalimpong Land Slides

1090. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any formal request from Government of West Bengal had been received by Central Government for financial assistance to give adequate relief to the victims of Kalimpong land slides of 1996; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Centra] Government in this respect and details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India had released Rs. 38.49 crores to the Government of West Bengal as the Central share of the State Calamity Relief Fund During 1996-97. After considering the report of a Central team which visited the affected areas the National Calamity Relief Committee decided that the State Government had adequate resources in the State Calamity Relief Fund to tide over the situation. No additional assistance was therefore provided.

BGH Injection

1091. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Press report appearing in the daily "Tribune" dated the 29th May, 1997 under the caption "Hormone to increase milk yield cleared";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the multinational companies have approached or ready to market the BGH injection to India which would be used for the purpose; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to manufacture the so-called BGH injection in India in the near future in order to save the foreign exchange to the tune of Rs. 200 crore a year which are likely to be spent on the production of this injec tion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Environment and Forests have given conditional environmental clearance to M/s Eli Lilly Ran-baxy Limited, New Delhi for commercial use of Recombinant Bovine Somatotropin for use in buffaloes in five selected States, subject to clearance by drugs Controller General (India).

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Allocation of Natural Calamity Fund to Karnataka

1092. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the natural calamity fund allocated to Karnataka during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) whether any additional fund has been allocated to the State during these years;

(c) the actual calamity fund released for 1996-97 and 1997-98 till date; and

(d) whether it is a fact that for 1997-98 not a single paisa is released inspite of repeated request from Government of Karnataka; if so, by when it will be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (d) The annual allocation of the State Calamity Relief Fund (SCRF) to different States during the period 1995-96 to 1999-2U00 was made by the Tenth Finance Commission. The SCRF is contributed by the Central and the State Governments in the ratio of 75;25 and the Central share is released in four equal quarterly instalments. The SCRF allocation for Karnataka during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 are Rs. 39.49 crores, Rs. 41.85 crores and Rs. 44.16 crores respectively. The entire Central share amounting to Rs. 29.62 crores and Rs. 31.69 crores were released during 1995-96 and 1996-97 respectively. During the current year (1997-98), two instalments of Central share of SCRF amounting to Rs. 16.56 crores have so far been released and the remaining to instalments will be released in October, 1997 and January, 1998.

गुजरात में ड्रिप सिंचाई योजना के लिये धनराशि आबंटित किया जाना

1093। श्री गोपाल सिंह जी. सोलंकी: क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1994-95 और 1995-96 के दौरान ड्रिप सिंचाई योजना के लिये गुजरात को किसी धनराशि आबटित की गई;

(ख) क्या राज्य सरकार ने आबंटन में वृद्धि करने के लिय मांग की है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) क्या धनराशि के उपयोग के बारे में गुजरात सरकार से कोई रिपोर्ट मांगी गई है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो क्या राज्य सरकार ने अपनी रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत कर दी है' और

(च) इस प्रयोजनार्थ राज्य सरकार को कितनी अतिरिक्त धनराशि आबंटित की गई?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा. एस.वेणुगोपालाचारी): (क) गुजरात राज्य को ड्रिप सिंचाई योजना के कार्यान्वयन के लिये 1994-95 और 1995-96 के दौरान क्रमश: 187.50 लाख रूपए और 303.19 लाख रूपए की राशि आबंटित की गई।